

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 were are currently pending in the patent application. By this amendment, Applicants add Claims 13-17, cancel Claim 1, amend Claims 4, 5 and 11 into independent format, amend the dependency of Claims 2 and 3 as necessitated by the cancellation of Claim 1; and amend the language of the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions found in the Office Action. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account 50-0510 for introduction of four new independent claims. Authorization is also given to charge additional filing fees and credit any amounts back to Deposit Account 50-0510.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 6-10 and 12 and has indicated that Claims 4, 5, and 11 are allowable but are rejected as being dependent on a rejected base claims.

Applicants have amended the claims to place Claims 4, 5 and 11 in independent format, including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. The limitations of Claim 4 have also been inserted by amendment to independent Claims 7 and 8 to place those claims, and the claims which depend therefrom, in condition for allowance. The limitations of Claim 5 have been

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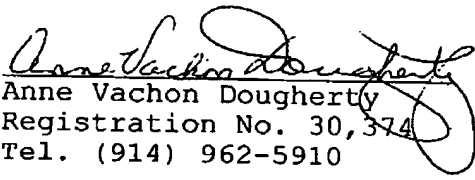
inserted into newly-presented independent Claims 16 and 17 which are believed to be allowable. Claims 13-15, which parallel Claims 2-3 and 6 which depend from Claim 4, have been added, to depend from allowable Claim 5.

Applicants believe that the amendment places all remaining claims in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendments and issuance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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